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## State Librarian recognized for promoting cooperation among libraries



**S**ara Parker, Missouri State Librarian and Monett, Missouri native, is the recipient of the 2001 Ronald G. Bohley Award, presented by the Missouri Library Association (MLA) and the Missouri Library Network Corporation. Parker received the award on October 4 at the 101st annual conference of the MLA in St. Louis.

The Bohley Award honors an individual whose actions have led to libraries working better together and who exemplifies the best efforts to promote cooperative activities among libraries. The late Ronald G. Bohley served as director of the Curtis Laws Wilson Library at the University of Missouri-Rolla from 1976 to 1991. An award and a scholarship bear his name in recognition of his lifelong pursuit of in-

tralibrary cooperation and exemplary professional standards.

Secretary of State Matt Blunt praised Parker's commitment and dedication to her job and to Missouri libraries. "Sara Parker is an important part of the success enjoyed by Missouri libraries in recent days. She is well deserving of the Ronald G. Bohley Award," Blunt said.

Since returning to Missouri in 1995, Parker has worked with public, academic, school, and special libraries to encourage sharing of their resources through new technologies and cooperative arrangements. She initiated a variety of grant programs to help public libraries offer Internet access and introduce automated catalogs to their users. She was a prime mover behind the establishment of MOBIUS, a consortium of Missouri's academic libraries organized around a common automated system that enables faculty and students to request materials online. She is currently involved in state initiatives such as digitizing the state's important cultural and historical material, developing family literacy programs in public libraries, supporting cooperative efforts among Missouri school libraries, and expanding library services to disabled individuals.

## Blunt approves automation grants

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has approved grants to four Missouri libraries in the 15<sup>th</sup> round of Public Library Automation Grants. The grants total \$102,158 and will be awarded to the following libraries:

- ❖ Cape Girardeau Public Library—system upgrade . . . . . \$23,510
- ❖ Caruthersville Public Library—retrospective conversion \$16,992
- ❖ Howard County Library District—new system . . . . . \$25,731
- ❖ Marshall Public Library—system upgrade . . . . . \$35,925

Cape Girardeau Public Library is upgrading its server to replace an obsolete server. The grant to Caruthersville Public

Library will bring automated library services to an underserved, southern Missouri area. The Howard County Library District will complete its withdrawal from the Daniel Boone Regional Library effective December 31, 2001. This grant will ensure continuous automated library services to that county. The grant to Marshall Public Library allows migration from a DOS-based system to a Windows platform which conforms to state and national standards.

An independent panel of libraries from throughout the state with expertise in library automation technology and who were not connected with any of the grants under consideration reviewed the grant proposals.

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## National tragedy prompts responses from Missouri libraries

Across the state, libraries responded to the September 11 terrorist attacks by doing what they do best—providing information to patrons in many formats and serving as meeting places for community discussion and activities.

In the weeks following the attacks, patrons have flocked to libraries looking for books and other sources to help them understand the history, culture, and politics of the Middle East. Libraries report runs on books that circulated only infrequently before the attacks—books about Islam, the Qu'ran, Afghanistan, globalization, terrorism, and biological weapons. Library staff are compiling booklists for the public, mounting displays of books on terrorism, answering reference questions, finding relevant maps and news sources, helping patrons with Internet searches, and ordering multiple copies of books such as *The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization*; *Taliban: Militant Islam, Oil, and Fundamentalism in Central Asia*; and *Germes: Biological Weapons and America's Secret War*. Many libraries also have posted reading lists and reference information on their websites. A good example is Kansas City Public Library's webpage "September 11, 2001 and the Aftermath," which includes links to federal government resources, international news sources, volunteerism, and specific subject links ([www.kclibrary.org/ref/wtc.htm](http://www.kclibrary.org/ref/wtc.htm)).

Staff at the University of Missouri School of Journalism Library are involved in a special project to build a research collection of newspaper and magazine coverage of the September 11 attacks. They are keeping all domestic and international newspapers received at the library for at least one week (September 12-19, 2001) and placing them in a special collection, which can be used for research. They also are collecting all news and professional magazines devoted

to coverage of the attacks.

An article in the *Stone County Gazette* by Richard Erickson of the Kimberling Area Library summed up the value of libraries in particularly difficult times: "A visit to your library is one way to stand down from the terror that struck our nation last week. It is here to serve your needs. Come on by."

## Major study of Missouri school libraries under way

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has committed to a major statewide study of school library media centers and their relationship to student achievement. Joining the study as partners are the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Missouri Association of School Librarians.

State Librarian Sara Parker and Lisa Walters, school library media consultant at DESE, will co-chair the committee developing the study. The committee's approach is to contract research using data collected by DESE and to create an online survey to collect needed information. The data gathered will be correlated to student achievement under the Missouri Assessment Program.

A growing body of national research links quality school library media services directly to student achievement. But there is a state and national shortage of school library media specialists, a crucial element in providing high-quality library service to students.

## Gates Foundation staff visit Missouri

As part of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program, seven "Before Your Computer Arrives" (BYCA) workshops were hosted regionally throughout Missouri from October 25 to November 2. Four Gates trainers provided grant recipients with an overview of the U.S. Library Program, the grant process, the Gates Li-

brary Computer, content server, computer training labs, technical support, and upcoming training.

Three modifications to the Gates Library Computer also were discussed during the BYCA workshop. Missouri's public libraries will be the first in the United States to receive the Windows 2000 operating system. Granted computers also will have flat screen monitors and come with Spanish keyboards. Computers with the Windows 2000 operating system have the ability to translate text into Spanish and more than 20 additional languages.

Library directors and personnel were given the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the grant program and shown methods for preparing libraries for the influx of new technologies. Trainers emphasized the importance of adequate electrical outlets and data cabling for the new computer(s) and laser printer. Cash awards for wiring expenses were included in the grant program.

One aspect of the U.S. Library Program highlighted during the workshop was the emphasis on training. A three-tiered training approach for libraries was explored in depth and included the BYCA workshops, hands-on training for each building during program implementation, and follow-up applications and Internet training. 100K libraries—those those serving populations of more than 100,000—and lab recipients also will receive training at the Gates Foundation in Seattle, Washington.

For more information regarding the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation or Missouri's grants, contact Heather Peugh, statewide and community partnerships consultant at the State Library, at (800) 325-0131, ext.16.

## Volunteers begin home visits to Wolfner Library patrons

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has instituted a pilot project using volunteers to make home visits to new patrons in southeast Missouri. In late

summer, four Wolfner staff members conducted a training session for two administrators and 34 volunteers from the Region II Area Agency on Aging Long-Term Care Ombudsman program and the EVE Project.

When a new patron receives his/her playback machine, a local volunteer will be contacted to make a home visit. The volunteer will demonstrate the use of the machine and explain Wolfner services and procedures. Ombudsmen have been asked to work with activity directors in nursing homes.

If the project is successful in southeast Missouri, it will be duplicated in other parts of the state.

## Statewide success for Missouri's summer library programs

More than 90,000 children and teens participated in the State Library's summer reading programs at their local public libraries. Librarians used the manual and artwork created for the children's summer program—**2001 Places to Go**—and the teen program—**Book Your Summer**—to develop special activities, booklists, games, and prizes for different age groups. The children's program attracted 84,645 participants; the teen program, now in its second year, attracted 5,736 participants.



## Library institute "basic" class scheduled for winter 2002

Every year, the basic class of the Library Skills Institute reaches its enrollment quota within a few days, and many prospective students must wait until the following summer to enroll. Given the popularity of the basic class, the State Library's administration decided to schedule this class for two sessions during winter 2002. Each class will accommodate 35 library staff and be

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## Web Watch

### Fed 101: The Federal Reserve Today

[www.kc.frb.org/fed101/](http://www.kc.frb.org/fed101/)

Find out the history and structure of the Fed and its role in developing monetary policy, follow the path of a check written at a neighborhood store, and become a virtual bank examiner. Great information and fun activities.

### Home Improvement Toolbox

[www.epa.gov/hhiptool/](http://www.epa.gov/hhiptool/)

This site offers a variety of interactive tools for saving energy and money when remodeling, repairing, or improving your home. Check the Home Energy Yardstick to find out how your home fuel use compares to other homes in your area. Or ask the Home Doctor about energy-saving prescriptions for common household problems.

### World Almanac for Kids

[www.worldalmanacforkids.com](http://www.worldalmanacforkids.com)

Information about animals, environment, inventions, nations, population, religions, space, sports, and much more. Kids can find out who was born on their birthdays.



## Advice for boards

The St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts (VLAA), which provides art services statewide, has issued a guidebook designed to help nonprofit boards understand their responsibilities. Titled "Guide to Board Duties and Liabilities," the publication outlines the standards of conduct established by judicial decision and statute and clarifies key issues for board members.

To obtain a copy, phone VLAA at 314-652-2410 or send an e-mail to [vlaa@stl-rac.org](mailto:vlaa@stl-rac.org).



## Library institute "basic" class scheduled

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open to public librarians.

The basic class is a prerequisite for all advanced institute courses. Among the subjects covered are the purpose of libraries and their relationship to the community, library operations, the library board and the director, collection development, reference services, outreach services, technology in libraries, customer service, and services to children, young adults, and adults. The Internet and its use in libraries will be the focus of a hands-on session conducted by MOREnet trainers.

The winter institute will be held in Columbia from February 19 to 22 at the Quality Inn. Lodging is paid for with Library Services and Technology Act funds, and all meals are provided except for dinner on Wednesday and Thursday.

Registration forms will be mailed in mid-November; the deadline will be February 8.

## ReadMOre project invites book discussion

In a new statewide initiative called ReadMOre, all Missourians are invited to read and discuss the book *Farewell to Manzanar*. Missouri is one of the first states to ask all of its citizens to read the same book at the same time.

Modeled after projects in cities such as Chicago and Seattle, participants across the state will have an opportunity to read and discuss an important book. Project coordinator Kathleen Nigro, scholar in residence at Kirkwood Public Library, said the book "will lend itself to many points of discussion—parent and child conflict, the immigrant experience in general, rebellion of teenagers, as well as the obvious issues confronting America today."

*Farewell to Manzanar*, written by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston, tells the true story of a Japanese-American



family's placement in a Japanese internment camp during World War II. Many of the themes that are concerning America today are underlying themes in *Farewell to Manzanar*.

The Missouri Humanities Council will provide information about ReadMOre on its website, including discussion questions, lists of other books and films on the same topics, and planned events occurring throughout the state. The authors will be invited to tour Missouri and meet with book discussion groups.

## Guides explain Missouri bills and regs

A bill introduced in the Missouri General Assembly goes through many steps before it becomes "Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed." Many sources are available, both print and electronic, to better understand this complex process. However, there is a lack of documentation on how to write a bill and how the bill affects us once it is enacted through regulations. The three documents described below should help clarify the legislative and regulatory creative process.

*The Essentials of Bill Drafting*, by the Joint Committee on Legislative Research, is the how-to manual for writing bills in Missouri. Designed for the legal staff of Legislative Research, the manual details the construction of a bill, acceptable style and grammar, and specific wording for standard clauses. The current version is available upon request as a PDF document by e-mailing [dunlab@sosmail.state.mo.us](mailto:dunlab@sosmail.state.mo.us). A new version is expected to be released in 2002 and will be distributed through the State Depository Program (current version's Modoc number is GA.Leg2:E 77/997).

Once a bill is properly written, it is introduced in the appropriate body of the General Assembly, and then it is on its way. The Law Library at the University of Missouri-Columbia, with the assistance of the Legislative Library, has created a six-page handout that shows the steps a bill must go through to become a law. The distinguish-

ing feature of *Missouri Legislative Process* is its listing of sources where one can find information on a bill as it travels through the General Assembly and brief descriptions for each version a bill goes through. The publication is available online at <http://www.law.missouri.edu/library/researchtools/guides/molegprocess2.htm>.

Many bills empower state agencies to create regulations pertaining to a certain subject, which are eventually compiled into the *Code of State Regulations*. Regulations, like bills, must follow a specific format, which is explained in *Rulemaking 1-2-3, Missouri Style*. Issued by the Secretary of State's Division of Administrative Rules, this manual is intended to assist state agencies in the writing of regulations, emergency rules, and the rescission of outdated rules. The manual also includes Chapter 536RSMo, regarding administrative procedure and review, and the Governor's executive orders which affect rulemaking. It is available at most state depository libraries (SS.Ad 2:R 26/2001).

## New priorities for National Leadership Grants

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has announced new priorities for its National Leadership Grant program. The grants are available for three categories of library funding: education and training, research and demonstration, and preservation or digitization of materials, and one category for library and museum collaborations. IMLS also announced that the award period for National Leadership Grants has been extended to allow projects of up to three years.

A new priority is established for all categories for projects to help institutions take a leadership role in the education of lifelong learners for the 21st century.

The new funding priorities are contained in the 2002 National Leadership Grant guidelines and application forms, which are available on the IMLS website ([www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov)), or upon request to IMLS at

202-606-5227. Deadlines for submitting applications are February 1 for library projects and April 1 for library and museum collaborations.

## State Library issues resource manual for senior services; plans workshops

*Serving Seniors: A Resource Manual for Missouri Libraries* is a tool to help public libraries build and improve services for Missourians aged 60 and older. The manual was developed on the recommendation of the Task Force on Library Services for Older Adults. Each Missouri public library and branch will receive a copy of *Serving Seniors* by the end of December. Additional copies will be available to other libraries as long as limited supplies last. The full text of the manual will be available free for download on the State Library website.

To support and supplement the manual, five workshops will be held around the state. "Senior Friendly Libraries" will help library staff develop and understand the needs of seniors in their communities, provide insight into the network of senior service agencies that exists, and present ideas for programs and services. The free workshops will be held at:

- ▲ Daviess County Library in Gallatin, Wednesday, **December 12**
- ▲ Little Dixie Regional Libraries in Moberly, Thursday, **December 13**
- ▲ Jefferson County Library, Windsor Branch in Barnhart, Friday, **December 14**
- ▲ Henry County Library in Clinton, Tuesday, **December 18**
- ▲ Mountain View Public Library, Wednesday, **December 19**

Questions about *Serving Seniors* or the Senior Friendly Libraries workshops should be directed to Nancee Dahms-Stinson, youth and seniors consultant at the State Library, at 800-325-0131, ext. 5.

## Missouri's statewide library CE calendar

Use the new library continuing education calendar to:

- Post news about your workshop, conference, or other library event
- Check the monthly CE calendar—events are grouped in 21 categories
- Try a custom search for a CE activity by title, category, sponsor, description, city or date
- Link to other training providers such as the Kansas City Metropolitan Library and Information Network, MOREnet, Missouri Library Association, Missouri Library Network Corporation, MOBIUS, and others

Check out <http://mosl.sos.state.mo.us/lib-ser/calendar/>. It's easy to use and a great way to keep up with the latest training opportunities.

## V.S. Naipaul awarded Nobel Prize in literature

The 2001 Nobel Prize in Literature has been awarded to British writer V.S. Naipaul, author of 20 works of fiction and nonfiction. Naipaul's latest novel, *Half a Life*, was published in October by Knopf, the author's longtime publisher. The prize is worth \$943,000.

In its announcement, the Swedish Academy described Naipaul as "Conrad's heir as the annalist of the destinies of empires in the moral sense" and noted that Naipaul, born in Trinidad, is "singularly unaffected by literary fashion and models, and he has wrought existing genres into a style of his own, in which the customary distinctions between fiction and nonfiction are of subordinate importance."

## Recommended reading for youth

The California Department of Education recently published "Recommended Literature: Kindergarten through Grade 12." Coordinated by the department, the list was developed by a team of experts in the field of children's and adolescent literature: teachers, public and school librarians, administrators, curriculum planners, and college professors. The titles "reflect the quality and the complexity of the types of material students should be reading both at school and outside of class."

The list is online and searchable at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/literature/>



## Growth in all Missouri metropolitan statistical areas

Each of Missouri's six metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) increased in population over the past decade. MSAs are established by the Office of Management and Budget in areas where a city joins with adjacent counties to form a high degree of social and economic integration. Except for the New England area, MSAs are comprised of one or more entire counties.

Columbia, Joplin, Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis, and Springfield are designated as MSAs in Missouri. In addition to counties in Missouri, the Kansas City MSA includes four counties in Kansas and the St. Louis MSA includes five counties in Illinois. While all of the MSAs in Missouri grew in population between 1990 and 2000, Springfield experienced the most significant percentage growth—23.2 percent.

In 2000, over two-thirds (67.8 percent) of Missouri's population lived within the boundaries of a metropolitan statistical area.

MSA	Counties in metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in 2000	2000 population	Percent growth between 1990-2000
Columbia	Boone	135,454	20.5%
Joplin	Jasper and Newton	157,322	16.6%
Kansas City	Cass, Clay, Clinton, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray in Missouri; Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte in Kansas	1,776,062	12.2%
St. Joseph	Andrew and Buchanan	102,490	4.9%
St. Louis	Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren and City of St. Louis in Missouri; Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair in Illinois	2,603,607	4.5%
Springfield	Christian, Greene, and Webster	325,721	23.2%

## A library technology trends odyssey

Leaders from the Library Information & Technology Association monitor the technology environment so they can give the profession a "heads-up" on the issues affecting libraries. They have identified several trends librarians need to be aware of in planning for the future:

### Trend #1

The group is still keeping a close eye on trends in e-books, but the picture has re-

mained murky as to what formats and reading devices will continue to be viable. Microsoft, Adobe, and Gemstar have emerged as major players. The group did agree that, in a variety of ways we can't even foresee yet, *e-books are giving birth to the concept of the book not as fixed and unchanging, but renderable in a variety of forms.*

### Trend #2

In today's electronic, quick-response world,

libraries may not be able to rest solely on their free-access laurels. Although in the days of the digital divide, libraries are even more important as an open and equitable public-access point for the world of information, *a large part of our clientele are getting used to speed and demanding convenience.* They are becoming used to having convenient options if they're willing to pay for them.

### **Trend #3**

Users are asking "Why can't the library's catalog search a million items as fast as Google can search a billion?" and they may soon be asking "Why does the library take

the time to tell me how many centimeters tall a book is, but nothing about whether it's any good or not?" *If we continue to see the world solely through the prism of the library catalog, will we be looking at that world all by ourselves?*

### **Trend #4**

*How can we "automate the shop floor" of the library?* The shortage of library professionals means that the jobs of those we do have need to be "reprofessionalized," and the productivity of laborious functions like physical inventory (collection) management must be increased. Radio Frequency Identifi-

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## **First Lady Laura Bush releases new publications**

Two booklets on reading were issued in October by First Lady Laura Bush as part of the administration's Reading First initiative. *Put Reading First: Helping Your Child Learn to Read* and *Put Reading First: The Research Building Blocks for Teaching Children to Read* offer parents and teachers the latest research findings on reading instruction and readiness. The publications result from the Partnership for Reading, which includes the National Institute for Literacy, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the U.S. Department of Education.

The first publication, designed for parents of young children, describes the kinds of early literacy activities that should take place at school and at home to help children learn to read successfully. The second summarizes for teachers what researchers have discovered about how to teach children to read successfully.

To order the publications, call ED Pubs at 800-228-8813 or check the ED website at [www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html](http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html).

## **Getting your library's message to the media**

### ***A series of regional workshops***

The State Library will offer five media training workshops during winter 2002 as part of its library marketing campaign. The fast-paced, interactive workshops will help participants develop key message points to be used in interviews with the media, in press releases, and public forums. Participants will learn "tricks of the trade" for making the best impression on-camera and ensuring the 10-second sound-bite selected for broadcast is strong and positive. By the end of the workshops, participants will be armed with tools they can use to effectively announce a new program, promote a library campaign, or manage a crisis in the media.

The hands-on workshops will provide the tools necessary to:

- ❖ Develop key messages
- ❖ Plan media strategies
- ❖ Communicate with the public
- ❖ Prepare for interviews
- ❖ Make effective presentations
- ❖ Evaluate performance

The workshops will be tailored specifically for library situations. They will begin at 9:30 AM and end at 4 PM and are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

**January 29**, Tuesday, The Library Center in Springfield

**January 31**, Thursday, Little Dixie Regional Libraries in Moberly

**February 1**, Friday, Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence

**February 6**, Tuesday, Sikeston Public Library

**February 8**, Friday, University City Public Library

Presenters will be Mary E. Burke and Megan O'Bryan of The Vandiver Group, a leading marketing firm in St. Louis. There is no charge for the workshops; however, registration is limited to 25 people per site. Registration forms will be mailed in November. Contact Madeline Matson, senior consultant at the State Library, at 800-325-0131, ext. 8, for additional information.





**newsline** welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



### High-tech research grant to St. Louis Public Library

St. Louis Public Library is one of seven libraries nationwide to receive a prestigious Research and Demonstration Grant through the National Leadership Grant program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grants support library and information science research that explores creative solutions for real-world problems. It is the only federal funding program which by statute supports research to improve library services.

Research projects include developing techniques for integrating data from library and museum databases for online cultural libraries, documenting the challenges of the preservation programs of American college and research libraries, and identifying factors that affect Internet search engine optimization.

The \$261,575 grant to St. Louis Public will enable the library to build on a previous project for large urban libraries. This two-year demonstration project will develop a methodology and standardized software to value and communicate the economic benefits of services provided by America's medium-size and small public libraries. St. Louis Public will match the amount of the grant with local funds.

### Major grants to Springfield-Greene County Library

Springfield-Greene County Library has received three major grants to improve and enhance service to its patrons.

\* A one-year federal grant of \$220,037 through the U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education and \$25,000 from the local Jeanette Musgrave Foundation will renovate the west wing of the lower floor of the Midtown Carnegie Branch to house The Edge, a community technology center. The Edge will bring together a coalition of public service organizations to design a space

and programs to give individuals of all ages and families easy access to technology and to instruction in its use. It will open in the fall of 2002.

\* A \$58,000 grant received in partnership with a \$192,613 Institute of Museum and Library Services grant from the local Discovery Center will enable the library to increase staff hours to the bookmobile schedule for travel to the Discovery Center and for "virtual librarian" services, including video conferencing. The grant funds will also provide funds to build the math and science collections and to create themed kits packaged in canvas bags for checkout.

### Henry County Library offers speakers bureau

The Henry County Library has developed a speakers bureau to showcase local talent, knowledge, businesses, and hobbies. Library director Liz Cashell believes the Henry County Speakers Bureau is the first such project organized by a Missouri library and mounted on a website.

The library asks community members to register their willingness to share their expertise by signing up with the bureau. Listings appear on a speakers bureau website at <http://tacnet.missouri.org/speakers>. By choosing among four subject areas, individuals and organizations can find speakers on subjects from drug prevention and domestic violence prevention to making duck decoys and the 4-H.

### UMC acquires Vietnam collection

A large and significant collection of Vietnam-related materials is now available at the University of Missouri-Columbia's Western Historical Manuscript Collection. The Larry Rottmann Collection includes records from the donor's experiences as national president and founding newspaper editor of Vietnam Veterans Against the War and co-founder, contributing editor, and board president of 1st Casualty Press.

Rottmann is a Missouri native who has achieved international recognition as a jour-



nalist, teacher, and political activist. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Among his many published works are *A History of the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam*, *American Eagle: The Story of a Navajo Vietnam Veteran*, and *Voices From the Ho Chi Minh Trail: Poetry of America and Vietnam*.

Rottman describes his collection, which spans four decades, as a "treasure trove" of interest to "anybody who's concerned beyond the normal 'bang-bang' war stories of Vietnam. At the most, we're only getting a little bit of the story, and one of the things I've tried to do in my work and in my collecting is to find the other ninety percent of the story and tell it." The collection includes books, magazines, posters, correspondence, notes, clippings, original manuscripts, audio recordings, photographs, slides, films, and videotapes.

For more information, send an e-mail to [whmc@umsystem.edu](mailto:whmc@umsystem.edu), call 573-882-6028, or browse a preliminary inventory of the collection at [www.system.missouri.edu/whmc/invent/rothmann.html](http://www.system.missouri.edu/whmc/invent/rothmann.html).

## St. Louis County Library partners with National Genealogical Society

The National Genealogical Society's (NGS) circulating collection of more than 20,000 volumes in Arlington, Virginia, will have a new home by the end of this year. At its September board meeting, the NGS Board of Directors ratified its decision to create a strategic partnership with the St. Louis County Library.

The NGS circulating collection will be moved to the Special Collections Department at St. Louis County Library Headquarters where it will be available to researchers by January 2002. In February 2002, the NGS circulating book collection will become available for check out and interlibrary loan. While the St. Louis County Library will maintain its core genealogy collection as a non-circulating reference collection, the NGS collection will provide

genealogists with access to a significant and growing circulating collection of genealogical reference materials. Both the county library and NGS are committed to growing the circulating collection so genealogists have a larger number of books available to them.

Transportation of the sizable book collection from Virginia to Missouri was contributed by St. Louis-based United Van Lines and its president/chief executive officer, Robert J. Baer. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for January 28, 2002, at the library headquarters.

## Missouri school library wins book collection from *Seventeen*

The library of Morgan County R-1 School in Stover is a winner of the Seventeen Read Aloud Project, held during Teen Read Week in October. The school library will receive a package of books from *Seventeen* and a copy of the new edition of *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease.

The goal of the Read Aloud Project is to encourage teens to "read for the fun of it" to young children during story hours in school and public libraries across the country. Libraries, on their own, or in cooperation with other youth-serving organizations in the community, were encouraged to participate in the event and to recruit teens to participate in their local libraries. The magazine featured the library promotion in print and on its website at [www.seventeen.com](http://www.seventeen.com).

*Seventeen* has a long history of supporting literature and encouraging teens to read for pleasure by publishing fiction from authors like Sylvia Plath, Margaret Atwood, and Joyce Carol Oates.

## Garnett Library friends offer unique fundraiser

The Friends of the Garnett Library at Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains are selling hand-made boxes filled with more than 150 recipes from the Ozarks as a fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale will go toward various needs at the library.



## Booklist honors Missouri author

*The Life of Your Time* by Steven J. Byers, a Missouri author, has been named one of the "Top 10 Christian Novels of the Year" by Booklist, a magazine published by the American Library Association. Byer's book received a starred review in Booklist and was described as a "highly original nimble tour de force." The top 10 list covers the period from October 1, 2000 to September 15, 2001. Books named to the list are those most favorably reviewed during the past year.

Byers lives outside of Rich Hill and works in Kansas City at Children's Mercy Hospital as senior director of development administration.

## More Library News



## Check out book prices

Visit the following websites to compare prices on new, used, and out-of-print books. The sites act as "agents" for many book-sellers, and their services are free. All take into consideration the prices offered by online booksellers like Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

<http://www.bestbookbuys.com>  
<http://www.bookpricer.com>  
<http://www.addall.com>

To find used, out-of-print and collectible books, try these sites:

<http://www.alibris.com>  
<http://www.bibliofind.com>  
<http://www.abebooks.com>

The 250 wood boxes, available for \$15 each, were designed and created by Louis Bozman, a former educator and friend of SMSU-West Plains. Their contents come from the cookbooks and files of faculty, staff, and friends of the university. The recipes are printed on cards and organized behind hand-made dividers. Volunteers cut approximately 35,000 recipe cards for the boxes.

According to Glenda Lee, vice president of the library friends, some of the "tastiest traditions of the Ozarks" are inside the boxes, including Grandma's Ol-Timey Icebox biscuits, Breakfast Potato Pie, and Ozark Blueberry Cream Pie.

## Rams reading program kicks off in St. Louis area libraries

The St. Louis Rams are encouraging children in metropolitan St. Louis to tackle reading by visiting local libraries to join the Rams Reader Team. The Rams have teamed with The Voice of the Rams, KLOU, the Metropolitan Area Public Libraries, and Kohl's. The program kicked off on October 15 in 94 libraries and branches in the bi-state area and will run through the end of November.

The Rams Reader Team, a program that targets kids from kindergarten to high school, encourages young readers to visit their local library, sign up to be a Rams Reader Team member, and choose a book from a reading list prepared from suggestions from the Rams organization. After registering for the reading team, members

receive a full-color poster that includes the reading list on the back. After reading the books, members will also be registered to win Rams tickets and a party at Rams Park. Each week during the program, Rams players will be reading at local schools and libraries.

The Rams Reader Team began in 1996 to use the influence professional athletes have on children to increase their excitement about reading.

## Microsoft highlights St. Charles City-County Library

St. Charles City-County Library is featured as a three-page case study on Microsoft's education webpage. The library engaged Microsoft Gold Certified Partner Quilogy to design and upgrade its circulation and catalog system combining the databases of 10 branch libraries and allowing users to search the entire catalog from any browser.

As the third busiest system in the state, the library needed to replace its aging LIS-TEN system, which was developed in-house and no longer met the library's requirements for efficient service to patrons. The library board voted to build a "next-generation solution with an integrated Microsoft platform" that could be easily upgraded to a Windows 2000 server on an installation-by-installation basis throughout the library district.

The case study outlines the challenge, business situation, solution, benefits, and lessons learned, and includes quotes from the library's IT coordinator Audrey Bangert. She noted that "only two people in the library were able to maintain the system, and they were responsible for all 10 branches as well as the seven other libraries in Missouri that were running the same system."



Matt Bowen, St. Louis Rams, reading with Clifford at the McClay Branch in St. Charles.

**Winter 2002 State Library CE events:**  
**Media Relations for Missouri Librarians—**  
January 29, 31, February 1, 6, & 8  
**Trustee Academy—**  
February 15-16  
**Basic Library Skills Institute—**  
February 19-22

## Construction scheduled for new Carrollton library

Plans for a new Carrollton Public Library are in place, and construction of a 6,000 square-foot building is slated to begin in early 2002. The building will be located on the northwest corner of the town square and will replace an overcrowded 2,480-square-foot facility built in the late 1950s.

During the planning process, library director Angee Germann said she and several board members visited a number of libraries, both large and small, to gather ideas about space management, signage, collection placement, and accessibility issues. They also spent a day in St. Louis with the architect, Ron Reim of Oculus, working on the building's design. The architect, in turn, spent time in Carrollton not only at the library but also on the square and throughout the town to get a feel for what the community wants from its library. His drawings and elevations for the library are posted on the Oculus website ([www.oculusinc.com/carrollton](http://www.oculusinc.com/carrollton)), which allows community residents to see what the library will look like before it is built.

The new library will include areas for reference, study, genealogy, children's services, and public Internet access. An auditorium will be included for programs and meetings, and a casual reading area will feature a "scenic window," providing a view of the area.

Germann said the library should be occupied by Christmas 2002.



**Rendering of the proposed design for the new Carrollton Public Library**

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## Library technology trends odyssey

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fication technology used to track library materials is already being implemented. Could Speedpass automatic payment technology help? Libraries must look to functions in industry comparable to those we do, in order to survive and thrive.

### **Trend #5**

Will attempts to "repatriate" the Web be successful? Yahoo's imbroglio with France

over the sale of Nazi memorabilia on its auction site and Germany's attempts to fight neo-Nazi hate speech on the Web raise the question "How 'worldwide' is the Web?" The group did not believe that ultimately countries would be successful in enforcing national laws in an international arena, but already these attempts have resulted in changes in what some major Web players allow through their sites.

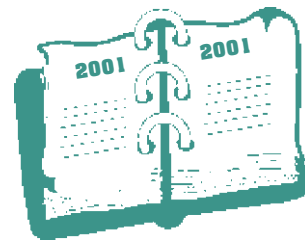
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## Wolfner Library celebrates 70 years

- In 1952, the Pratt-Smoot Act was amended to include library services to children.
- By Wolfner's 25th anniversary in 1959, the library was serving more than 2,000 patrons.
- In 1966, Congress extended the national library program to the physically handicapped, and Wolfner expanded its service to physically handicapped individuals by 1967.
- Wolfner Library was one of the first libraries for the blind and physically handicapped in the U.S. to use computer technology for circulation records of machines and books.
- Today Wolfner Library provides library service to more than 21,000 patrons.

## Upcoming Events



### **November 29-30**

Coalition for Networked Information Task Force Meeting  
San Antonio

### **December 6-7**

Missouri Public Library Directors Winter Meeting  
Osage Beach

### **December 11**

Secretary's Council on Library Development  
Jefferson City

### **January 18-23**

American Library Association Midwinter Meeting  
New Orleans

### **January 24-26**

Special Libraries Association Winter Meeting  
Chicago

### **February 5**

Missouri Library Legislative Day

## Wireless Internet usage on the rise

According to the International Data Corporation, wireless Internet usage will increase at a huge compound annual growth rate of 73%, from approximately 5 million in 2000 to more than 84 million in 2005. While consumer and business users both make up roughly equal pieces of the wireless Internet user base, business usage is expected to be higher in the near future. According to primary IDC research, the number of business wireless Internet users will grow from 2.6 million to more than 49 million in 2005. IDC research also finds that consumers are interested in accessing Internet information from their phones or PDAs, which should cause consumer adoption to take off.

## Wolfner Library celebrates 70 years of service

Named to honor Dr. Henry L. Wolfner, a noted St. Louis eye specialist, the Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically is observing its 70th anniversary this year.

In the early 20th century, blind people in St. Louis borrowed braille books from St. Louis Public Library. In 1924, the library established a special department for the blind at the request of the St. Louis Society for the Blind. This department's first collection contained 360 volumes and circulated fewer than 100 volumes.

Passage of the Pratt-Smoot Act in 1931 authorized a national pro-

gram of free library service to adult blind readers, and the St. Louis Public Library was chosen by the Library of Congress as one of 18 regional libraries to provide this free service. The St. Louis library was selected to circulate braille books based on its previous service to and collection for the blind. The Wolfner Library remained in St. Louis until 1985 when it was moved to Jefferson City and housed in the State Library.

A few milestones:

- Talking books, developed in 1933, brought reading materials to blind individuals who could not read braille.



**Loading books for the blind in St. Louis, c. 1930s**

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